

THEY BREAK RANKS.
THE CADET BATTALION FOR THE YEAR 1891 DISMISSED FOREVER.
Degrees and Distinctions Conferred—One, McKinney Delivers the Address—The Final Ball—Dances and Banquets.

THE CADET BATTALION.
LEXINGTON, June 25.—The Cadet corps formed in front of the barracks and were marched from parade to the mess-hall. The exercises opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Frettingham, of the Methodist church. The battalion was delivered by Capt. E. H. Russell, of Virginia. Next the distinctions were then read out and three degrees conferred—bachelor of science upon Cadet Stemp, and the degree of civil engineer upon Cadets Hays and Hope.

THE MEDALS.
The Governor then delivered the Jackson Hope medals in an appropriate speech to Cadet C. K. Simpson and Cadet L. H. Hays. These medals are awarded by the faculty and board.

THE APPOINTMENTS.
The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Frettingham and the corps marched back to the barracks, where they stacked arms and heard the appointments to office for the next year read out by the same official. The band played "Auld Lang Syne" and the battalion for '91 broke ranks forever.

THE FINAL BALL.
The grand event at the Virginia Military Institute was undoubtedly the final ball. This was given to the graduating class of thirty-three members. The music was furnished by the band, and the refreshments, delivery of diplomas, etc., and was under the management of Baker P. Lee, Jr. The music was furnished by the band, and the refreshments, delivery of diplomas, etc., and was under the management of Baker P. Lee, Jr.

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PRECIOUS STONES.
Properties ascribed to various gems in ancient days.
The Diamond Prizes from Poisons, the Amethyst from Drunkenness, the Opal from Thunder.

THE DIAMOND.
It is not merely on account of their beauty and great rarity that precious stones have from remote ages been held in the highest favor, although, no doubt, these alone are the reasons that have wrought with us at the present day. In fact, the gem is almost as pleasing to many people as the genuine one; and when they are worn simply for personal adornment, their comparative cheapness is certainly an advantage to those of slender means. Moreover, precious stones are of value as talismans, and it is very difficult for any one but an expert to distinguish a spurious gem from a real one.

THE AMETHYST.
Although popularly supposed to be itself a deadly poison, the amethyst has been credited with the power of protecting the wearer from the evil effects of alcohol. It is said that it retained until comparatively recent times, according to Pliny it also keeps off insanity. The latter virtue, besides the diamond, several other stones were supposed to possess, and were worn for derangements of the liver as well as for bad eyes. The stone was looked for, according to Pliny, as a most miraculous remedy for the eye, and it is said that a man who wore it was cured of his blindness.

THE OPAL.
The opal, however, was somewhat nearer the truth when it reversed the popular superstition in his association with the wearer of a turquoise might fall from the top of a high tower and be dashed to pieces without breaking the stone. The opal was looked for, according to Pliny, as a most miraculous remedy for the eye, and it is said that a man who wore it was cured of his blindness.

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DURHAM CONSOLIDATED LAND AND IMPROVEMENT CO.
EXCURSION TICKETS AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES for the round trip will be on sale at all stations of the Richmond and Danville railroad, the Lynchburg and Durham, and the Durham and Norfolk.

REPUTED THE CONTRACT.
Although the Ranged Man at First Accepted it, Sub-Let Portions.
The three men were sitting on a bench just outside the little park taking a sun-bath when a man crossed the street and came toward them. He was a tall, thin man, with a long nose and a thin mustache.

EXCURSION TICKETS AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES
There will be a Grand Public Auction Sale of fine residence and business lots in the beautiful, well drained, and healthy WEST-END SUBURBS OF DURHAM, N. C., on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of July.

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The street-car line—owned by the Durham Consolidated Land and Improvement Company—now runs to the Trinity College Grounds and the Company expect to continue it to the center of this property, thus giving purchasers the advantage of country and city life and a chance for a cheap lot which will probably double or triple in value within six months.

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AUCTION SALES—Future Days.
By J. Thompson Brown & Co., No. 1113 Main street.

TRUSTEE'S SALE TO THE HIGH BIDDER OF
Choice Grove-Avenue corner Lots
JUST BEYOND AND IN SIGHT OF
LEE MONUMENT.
170-172 FEET BY 179-181 FEET TO AN ALLEY, ADJOINING THE QUEEN-ANNE RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM H. SANDS, ESQ.

AUCTION SALES—Future Days.
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AUCTION SALE OF A NEAT DETACHED FRAME DWELLING.
No. 1322 TAYLOR STREET, BETWEEN RESERVATOR AND RANDOLPH STREETS.
ON THE PREMISES.
TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH, AT 6 P. M.

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